

TODAY'S CREATION STORY

SHORTLY AFTER LIFE CREATED MAN IT REALIZED THAT MANY OF THEM WERE TOO TIMID TO
DIRECTLY CONFRONT THE NATURE OF EXISTANCE,
SO IT GAVE THEM THE REASSURING BUFFER OF THE CONCEPT OF REALITY.

P.S.: THIS WORKED FINE IN GENERAL, BUT SOON A FEW DIDN'T LIKE IT.

BUT - HEY!, A MORAL: WHAT THE HELL DOES LIFE CARE WHAT MEN LIKE!? --
THAT'S REALITY'S JOB!

-- NOW IS IT GETTING CLEARER!? --

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TODAY'S NOTABLE AD COPY

"NOTHING COMES BETWEEN ME AND MY UNDERSTANDING!"

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THE GREAT MYSTICAL TRAIN RIDE

THOSE WITH A TICKET,
THOSE WITH A TICKET,
THOSE WITH A TICKET ARE NEVER ALONE.

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ONE MAN BEGAN TO DISCOVER STRANGE RUBBER BALLS IN HIS BACKYARD,
YET THROUGH IT ALL CONTINUED TO INSIST THAT HE REMAINS ONE OF
EUROPE'S LEADING MUSEUMS.

SOME DIETARY NEWS: YOU CAN EITHER INDULGE IN FAMILIAR, COMFY FOODS, LIKE CHOCOLATE
OR PARTAKE AGAIN OF MENTAL ITEMS, ALREADY HEARD,
WHICH FIRST TIME 'ROUND, MADE YOU LAUGH,
WHETHER YOU UNDERSTOOD, AND DIGESTED THEM OR NOT.

"PAPA, IS THAT WHY THE NEWS CHANGES SO LITTLE FROM DAY TO DAY!?",

"YOU MEAN FROM LIFE TIME TO LIFE TIME, DON'T YOU SON!?"

"YES. PAPA - AND EVEN THEN, WHY DOES THE NEWS CHANGE SO LITTLE?",

"WELL SON", (SOFTLY CHUCKLED THE OLD MAN), "NOW WE WOULDN'T WANT REALITY
SHIFTING SO ABRUPTLY AS TO CAUSE THE SIMPLE TO CANCEL THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS.",
AND THIS SEEMED TO SATISFY THE LAD, AND SHORTLY HE ASKED:

"CAN I GO OUT NOW AND FEED THE BIRDS?", AND THE ELDER REPLIED:

"JUST AS LONG AS YOU REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE ONE OF THEM.",
AND WITH A HAPPY CHIRP, OFF THE BOY WENT.

ON THIS ONE PLANET OF CONSCIOUS CREATURES,
THE ULTIMATE INSULT WAS TO CALL ANOTHER, A "FAT-HEAD!",
...BUT IN THEIR CASE THEY INTERNALLY MEAN IT -- LITERALLY!

JUST BETWEEN HIM AND HIS DOG,

ONE GUY THOUGHT OF HIS MYTHICAL TV SHOW AS:

"THE UNEXPECTED, BROUGHT TO YOU ON A REGULAR BASIS".

TO THE MIND, REALITY, (IF NOT LIFE ITSELF), IS ALWAYS - "OUT THERE" SOME WHERE
....(KEEPS THINGS KINDA NEAT & TIDY).

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WEATHER CONDITIONS & THE GREAT MYSTERIOUS TRIP

ALL LOCAL TRAINS ARE CLOUDED IN MIST.

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THE WARRIOR'S RIDE IS TO: RE-FOCUS THE LIGHT OF THE
ENGINE'S EYE.

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IF FOR NO OTHER REASON --

THE MORE ALERT WOULD ESCHEW CRITICISM SIMPLY BECAUSE OF ITS VISCIDITY.

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SOME NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS WERE SKIPPIN' AND A'SINGIN':

"STICKY IS AS STICKY DOES,

MY MIND DRAWS THOUGHTS AS MY NAVEL DOES FUZZ."

AND AN ADULT STUCK A HEAD OUT A DOOR AND YELLED:

"HEY-Y-Y, YOU KIDS AIN'T FROM AROUND HERE!"

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YET ANOTHER DISTINGUISHING MARK:

REALITY IS ALWAYS LOCAL.

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AND NOW SOME NEWS ABOUT THE NEWS: (IT DEFINED)

NEWS: GOSSIP THAT THE SIMPLE HOPE MAY EFFECT THEM.

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A MAN ASKED THE CORNER BUTCHER:

"WHY IS IT ARRNGED SO THAT WE'RE ALL EXCITED AND ENERGETIC WHEN WE'RE YOUNG AND DUMB, THEN START TO WEAR DOWN JUST ABOUT THE TIME WE'RE GETTING OLD ENOUGH TO WHERE WE SHOULD ACTUALLY KNOW SOMETHING!?"

AND THE MAN WITH THE KIDNEYS IN HIS HAND REPLIED:

"HEY, WHAT D'YA I LOOK LIKE - THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASTROLOGER OR SOMETHIN'!?"

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ONE MAN NOTED: "DRUGS MAKE MY GUMS SHRIVEL UP", AND SOMEONE ASKED HIM IF HE WAS SURE HE MEANT HIS GUMS!?, AND HE THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT.....THEN REPLIED THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE SHRINKING WAS SOME WHERE IN HIS HEAD (!?!).

MORAL : HAVE NOT THE PERHAPS, ILL-FOUNDED AUDACITY TO CALL THEYSELF A, "BIRD BRAIN" 'TIL THY HAVETH FULL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE BIRD MAY ACTUALLY SYMBOLIZE. "HARK, HARK, HORATIO! -- COOL IT, AND CHILL, TIL YOU KNOW THE DEAL!"

UNDER THE MOST ORDINARY OF CIRCUMSTANCES

IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT, VERGING ON IMPOSSIBLE, TO UNDERSTAND INTELLECTUALLY
WHY SOME ONE DID A CERTAIN HORMONALLY-DRIVEN THING.

ORDINARY KNOWLEDGE IS LIKE DIAMONDS IN THAT NEITHER HAVE ANY INTRINSIC VALUE,
YET MEN HAVE MADE THEM BOTH SEEM OTHERWISE.

MORE REGARDING THE MATTER BETWEEN: LIFE AND MERE REALITY

REALITY ALWAYS TAKES ITSELF SERIOUSLY.

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FOR THE INVALIDS, THE WEAK & THE FEARFUL IN OUR AUDIENCE,
AN ALTERNATIVE VERSION:

REALITY IS ALWAYS SERIOUS

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SCHEDULES AND THE GREAT MYSTERIOUS TRAIN TRIP

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE,
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE,
TIME'S NEVER UP FOR THOSE ON THE MOVE.

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A CERTAIN MAN WENT TO SEEK ENTRY INTO A MYSTICAL SCHOOL,
AND AS THE HEAD MASTER CONSIDERED HIS APPLICATION
HE WAS TOLD TO STAND OVER THERE AND WAIT,
AND THE MAN POINTED DOWN TO THE SPOT WHERE HE WAS STANDING AND ASKED: "HERE?",
AND WAS TOLD, NO,
SO HE SHIFTED SEVERAL FEET TO THE LEFT AND ASKED: "HERE?",
AND WAS TOLD, NO,
SO HE THEN MOVED OVER IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION AND ASKED: "HERE?",
AND AGAIN WAS TOLD, NO,
AND HE BEGAN TO SUSPECT WHERE THIS WAS GOING.

FOLLOW-UP TO A PREVIOUS NUTRITION STORY

HOW TO BECOME MENTALLY OVER-WEIGHT: STUFF YOUR MIND FULL OF EXTERNAL STUFF.

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VISION AND HOW THINGS ARE LOCALLY

TO SEE REALITY DOES NOT REQUIRE CONTROLLED ATTENTION.

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WHY THINGS SEEM SO DIFFERENT IN THOSE TWO ADJOINING KINGDOMS I MENTIONED,
AS RELATED TO THE BUILDING TRADES

DRYWALL MEN WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND ROOFERS.

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THERE WAS ONCE A LAND, WHOSE KING ANNOUNCED A BAN ON ALLEGORIES;
HE SAID THAT ALL AVAILABLE ENERGIES WERE NEEDED TO HELP DEVELOPE THEIR
TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE.

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CORPUS CALLOSUMS WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND DUODENUMS.

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ANOTHER TRAIN TRAVELER'S TIP

LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW'S FUN,
BUT IT WON'T HARDLY GET THE -- JOB DONE.

....(SOME ADVICE, AS ALWAYS, IS ONLY APPLICABLE TO NON-STANDARD PASSENGERS
AND THEIR UNSCHEDULED DESIRED DESTINATION.
EVERYBODY ELSE -- KEEP ON A'LOOKIN'.)

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THE DOCTOR OF EXTREME OPTOMETRY ADDS THIS COMMENT:

"THE STRANGE EYE-SIGHT OF THE TRANSCENDENTAL TRAVELER IS SUCH THAT
HE CAN SEE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS....THAT IS, IN THREE DIRECTIONS.....

....WHICH IS TO SAY HE CAN SEE IN EVERY POSSIBLE DIRECTION.....DON'T YOU SEE'

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AND IN WHAT MAY BE A RELATED STORY,

A CERTAIN NEUROLOGIST, (STRICTLY ON THE SLY),

NOW SUGGESTS SOME EVIDENCE THAT WOULD SHOW THAT THOSE WHO CAN THINK IN
WAYS FAR BEYOND THE NORM,

DO NOT HAVE BRAINS DIVIDED INTO TWO HEMISPHERES,

BUT RATHER INTO AT LEAST THREE...

...(AND PERHAPS EVEN MORE, SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR).

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WHILE THE SIMPLIER, PUBLIC REFLECTIONS OF CERTAIN MYTHICAL POSSIBILITIES
SAY THAT TO ACHIEVE ANY EXTRAORDINARY ENDS, A MAN MUST BE "RE-BORN",
NOTE HOW THEY ARE SILENT ON THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF FIRST, "STAYING ALIVE".

YES IT IS: MORE COMMENTARY REGARDING THE MATTER OF THE TWO BIG "E's".

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REALITY AND THE SENSE OF HUMAN ACCOMPLISHMENT

LIFE IS PROUD OF THOSE FOR WHOM THINKING IS A REFLEX ACTION.

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WHENEVER HE DIDN'T EAT, THIS ONE MAN WOULD FEEL DIZZY AND DISORIENTED.

...TOO BAD THIS DIDN'T WORK AS REGARDS HIS MIND.

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"NUTRITION, NUTRITION! -- WHAT BE THY SECRET, IMMORTAL NAME!?"

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TODAY'S THEOLOGICAL NEWS

GODS LIVE NOT IN LIFE -- ONLY IN REALITY.

(ANCHORMAN'S ADDENDUM: THAT LAST STORY SENT MANY LOCAL PHILOSOPHERS & CRITICS
SCRAMBLING FOR A NEW PLACE TO STAY.)

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THE SPEAKER DECLAIMED:

"ONE WAY YOU CAN ALWAYS IDENTIFY THE SIMPLE IS THAT THEY TAKE LIFE SERIOUSLY!"

AND A LISTENER THOUGHT:

"WHY THE HELL WOULD YOU WANT TO IDENTIFY THE SIMPLE!?"

THE GREAT MYTHICAL WARFARE BROUGHT TO THE LOCAL LEVEL

THE BATTLES THE ORDINARY FIGHT ARE WITH THEIR OWN SHADOW ON A NEAR-BY WALL.

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THE INSIDES OF A MYSTIC'S HEAD RESEMBLE A LARGE LAKE HELD BACK BY A DAM,
BUT WITH NO DAM IN SIGHT.

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AND A VIEWER WRITES:

"WAS THAT LAST ITEM ACTUALLY ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION OF
MAN'S ROUTINE MENTAL AWARENESS,

AND HOW IT SEPERATES WHAT IT PERCEIVES INTO DIVISIBLE CHUCKS!? --

...AND LASTLY, OF COURSE,(KNOWING YOU), A COMMENT ON HOW IT COULD BE OTHERWISE.

LOCAL TRAINS RUN ACCORDING TO REALITY SCHEDULES,
WHILE THE MYSTICAL EXPRESS OPERATES AS PER LIFE.

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IT IS THE MIND THAT HAILS YOU TO, "GET ON BOARD",
WITH ONLY YOU TO HELP YOU DISEMBARK.

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HOW TO TELL IF YOU'RE ONE OF THE SIMPLE

THE APPROPRIATE USE OF FORECFUL, CONCLUSIVE CLICHES
STILL MAKE YOU KNOWINGLY SMILE, AND NOD YOUR HEAD IN AGREEMENT.

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THE CHARITY OF LOCAL REALITY

EVERYONE WILL OFFER TO HELP YOU -- EXCEPT THOSE WHO CAN.

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KID'S QUIZ: "WHAT'S THE OPPOSITE OF GLUE?"

-- "FOCUSED ATTENTION!?,...."

-- AH-H-H, THOSE KIDS!

KNOWLEDGE THAT IS NOT INDIVIDUAL TO THE PERSON
IS NOT KNOWLEDGE THAT IS PERSONALLY USEFUL,
....LEASTWISE IN ENDEAVORS SUCH AS THIS.

UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL REALIZES THAT HIS MIND WILL FOREVER TAKE ITSELF SERIOUSLY,
TRAVEL TO NEW LOCALES IS POSSIBLE, NOT.

A CHILDREN'S TALE OF THE MYSTERIOUS

A BAND OF YOUNG SEEKERS SOUGHT OUT A CERTAIN MYSTIC WITH THE REQUEST THAT THEY BE PERMITTED TO STAY AND STUDY WITH HIM, AND HE AGREED, BUT GAVE THEM THIS

IMMEDIATE, INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT:

"ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THIS MIRACULOUS JOURNEY,

ALL I CAN DO IS GIVE TRAVEL ADVICE.",

AND AFTERWARDS AS THEY SAT TOGETHER TALKING ONE OF THE NEOPHYTES SAID:

"I WONDER IF THAT IS TRUE?",

AND ANOTHER RESPONDED: "WELL EVEN IF IT IS TRUE, IT'S ALSO A WAY FOR HIM TO, IN ADVANCE - EXPLAIN AND EXCUSE ANY FAILURE ON HIS PART.",

AND JUST THEN THE WISE ONE WALKED BY AND ADDED TO THEIR CONVERSATION:

"BUT, TIME ALREADY THAT YOU REALIZE THAT AT THE LEVEL OF PERCEIVED REALITY, ANYTHING THAT SEEMS TRUE ALWAYS EXPLAINS AND EXCUSES WHAT NEEDS TO BE."

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AND A MAMA MYSTIC SCOLDED HER SYMBOLIC SON:

"YOU SHOULDN'T TELL STORIES LIKE THAT TO CHILDREN.",

AND HE REPLIED: "BUT HOW ELSE TO STOP THEM BEING SO!?"

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AS LONG AS YOUR THINKING DIVIDES THINGS UP INTO: "IN HERE", AND, "OUT THERE",
YOUR THINKING CANNOT BECOME SUFFICIENTLY FOCUSED TO EVER DEVELOPE FURTHER.

THE MEDICAL LIMITS OF LOCAL REALITY

THERE ARE NO MORTAL CURES FOR MORTAL MADE ILLS.

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HUMOR AND THE EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY

JUST GETTING BEYOND THE SUBURBS OF PARIS MAKES SOME PEOPLE LAUGH.

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QUEERY: WHY DO SOME MYSTICS TALK SO MUCH?
WHO ELSE IS GOING TO DROWN OUT THE
MONOTONOUS SOUNDS OF THE
WHEELS ON THE TRACKS
SO THAT MORE DEMANDING PASSENGERS MIGHT HAVE THE CHANCE TO THINK.

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ONE DAY LIFE TOLD LOCAL REALITY:

"IF YOU KEEP FEEDING THOSE BIRDS THEY'LL NEVER LEARN TO HUNT FOR THEMSELVES.",

AND REALITY REPLIED:

"BUT THOSE AREN'T BIRDS, THOSE ARE HUMANS.",

SOME BUSINESS NEWS

ONE MYSTIC NAMED HIS ENTERPRISE: "ORIGINALITY & CO."

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REALITY EQUALS EXPECTATIONS,
LIFE EQUALS SURPRISES.

THIS IS WHY MOST PEOPLE FAVOR REALITY OVER LIFE.

A MYSTIC DOESN'T FAVOR ANYTHING OVER LIFE.

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